

All of the above items deal with the environment of drivers. They seek to produce safer vehicles and safer highways. The following items are those which show the greatest promise in improving the habits of our drivers.

Drivers *Driver Education*

In combatting the problem of driver errors, the most effective long-range plan yet devised is driver education. We must raise a new generation which is fully armed for survival in the automotive age. Young people have the most to lose in traffic accidents and we must teach them that it is smart to be safe.

To do this we need to provide the established thirty-six driver education course in the public schools for every new driver under the age of eighteen in or out of school. We must also have a renewed safety education effort throughout all grade levels in the public schools.

It will cost approximately two million dollars per year to put this program into effect. The direct savings on insurance premiums paid by our citizens will exceed this investment.

Courts

The front line of our attack on problem drivers is the court system. A top priority need to correct their behavior is a system of uniform courts called for in the constitutional amendment for court reform. Swift enactment of the court legislation now before you is vital to all of our efforts aimed at making safe drivers out of dangerous drivers.

Additional Patrolmen

North Carolina needs three hundred thirty-three additional highway patrolmen in order to reach the upper one-third of states which are properly matching their fatal accident experience with sufficient law enforcement coverage.

Each additional patrolman will cost ten thousand dollars. I have carefully considered the question of how many patrolmen to ask you to authorize. Keeping all of our needs in mind, I recommend the additional of fifty patrolmen in each of the next four years. I hope that at least that number will be added every year afterwards until the manpower of the patrol reaches accepted standards.

I pledge to you that this administration will make every possible effort to see that our highway patrol stays on the highway patrolling. And I shall work with court officials to reduce as far as possible the patrolmen's time spent in court.

Drunk Driving

Drunk driving is one of the most criminal acts modern man can commit. So often, innocent people are the ones who suffer from wrecks with drunken